

**Business Area # 2:**  
**MIT/Kendall Square/Lower**  
**Broadway**

**Boundaries:** bordered by Binney Street, the Charles River, Amesbury Street, and the Conrail Railroad

Major areas of Business/Retail/Industrial Concentration include: Offices, shops, restaurants in Kendall Square, Cambridge Center, Offices and shops on Broadway between #1 and #200, Tech. Square, M.I.T., and the Hyatt Regency.



*Kendall Square*

Two of the three **commercial robberies** in the Kendal Square business district in 2002 were at the same Main Street bank. These robberies consisted of a modus operandi that has been employed on a number of occasions at this location. The robber enters the bank near closing, passes a note to the teller demanding cash and flees on foot or via the subway. A Somerville resident was subsequently arrested for one of these incidents. A Quincy resident was arrested and charged with the robbery of the desk clerk at the Marriott Hotel in late November. • There were nine fewer **larceny from buildings** in Kendal Square in 2002 when compared with last year's total. Historically, this type of thievery has been the most prevalent type of disorder in this area of the City's research and hi-tech companies. Increased internal security has been instrumental in reducing the number of larceny from buildings from its mid 1990s total that were well over 200 incidents. Although there are occasional thefts of wallets and personal items from health clubs and hotels, the laptop computer stolen from local offices remains the favorite target of professional thieves. • In a business district where **shoplifting** is an anomaly, the lone incident involved the theft of groceries at a local market. • In 2000, Business District # 2 was hit with a major series of construction site burglaries. With the arrest of a former construction worker from Cambridge in 2001, this crime type has been a steady decline in this area. The majority of the ten reported **commercial breaks** in 2002 were the result of access being gained to secured areas with computers and peripheral equipment the target of the burglars. • Ten of the fourteen **larcenies from the person** in Kendal Square involved the thefts of purses and wallets from diners in restaurants and coffee shops near Cambridge Center. There are far fewer of these "diper" type thefts in Kendal Square than the other commercial districts of the City.

CRIME	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Larceny from Building	60	99	115	61	52
Larceny from Person	10	7	24	19	14
Commercial Burglary	4	11	30	9	10
Commercial Robbery	0	1	1	5	3
Shoplifting	3	2	4	2	1
Fraud/Flim	11	18	15	21	9
Flam/Counterfeiting					

